ace
MONTHLY TRADE UPDATE
NOVEMBER 2014

CONTENTS

LATEST NEWS

ACE Mandatory Use Dates

The Automated Commercial Environment (ACE) mandatory use dates for all electronic cargo release and entry summary filings, and other remaining portions of the CBP cargo process are fast approaching. As part of these important dates, changes to the message formats and technical specifications used to exchange electronic data with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Partner Government Agencies (PGA) will have impact on the trade community.

In preparation for the mandatory dates, CBP is encouraging all filers to transition to ACE early and begin and/or increase filing transactions to ensure compliance and gain familiarity with new ACE filing procedures well in advance of the established deadlines. Getting started with ACE is easy and only requires Automated Broker Interface (ABI) filers to contact their software provider and Client Representative to initiate the process. Filing entry and entry summary transactions in ACE eliminates the need to present paper entry and entry summary documentation, provides faster CBP responses and decreases courier and administrative costs. Delaying the transition to ACE may result in a filer's inability to transmit electronic import and export data transactions to CBP when the Automated Commercial System (ACS) becomes unavailable for use.

To assist the trade community, CBP has created several supporting transition documents to provide guidance in filing transactions in ACE. The supporting documents include:

- *Introduction and Getting Started*
- *ACS to ACE Transition Topics*
- *ACE Entry Summary Process and Policy*

For more information about ACE Mandatory Use Dates or filing transactions in ACE, please visit the "ACE and Automated Systems" and "Getting Started with CBP Automated Systems" pages on CBP.gov/ACE or click on the provided hyperlinks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 10, 2014 9:30 - 11:30 AM CT	New Orleans Trade Outreach Session
Dec 11, 2014 1:30 - 3:30 PM CT	Mobile Trade Outreach Session
Dec 11, 2014 1:30 - 3:00 PM ET	ACE Air Manifest Webinar
Dec 17, 2014 2:00 - 3:30 PM ET	ACE Multi-Modal Manifest Webinar

Visit CBP.gov/ACEoutreach for more details, including registration requirements

MORE ACE INFORMATION

→ Visit www.cbp.gov/ACE
→ Subscribe to the Cargo Systems Messaging Service (CSMS) for Email Updates

→ ACE Development/Deployment Schedule
→ ACE Training
→ List of ABI Vendors, including those certified to file in ACE

MAY 1 2015
Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic manifest filing

NOV 1 2015
Mandatory use of ACE for all electronic cargo release and related entry summary filing

OCT 1 2016
Mandatory use of ACE for all remaining electronic portions of the CBP cargo process

TIP OF THE MONTH

Truck Carrier Reminder: Request for Changes to Driver Date of Birth

A request from a truck carrier to change the date of birth for a driver will only be accepted by CBP if the request is from the account's Trade Account Owner or a Proxy Trade Account Owner. The request email should include the following:

"Please change the date of birth for the driver below who is on file in ACE.

- Name & Company of the Requestor:
- Date of the Request:
- Driver's Last Name:
- Driver's First Name:
- Driver's Date of Birth on file in ACE:
- Driver's Correct Date of Birth:
- Driver's Driving License Number:

X| My use of the NAME, DATE OF BIRTH, and/or COMMERCIAL/ENHANCED DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER for the referenced individual constitutes my acknowledgment to CBP that I am authorized to access his/her personally identifiable information."

REMINDER: ACE DEPLOYMENT D - JANUARY 3,2015 RELEASE

Air Manifest Changes

CBP will rehost the Air Automated Manifest System (AMS) in ACE and deploy air manifest processing capabilities on January 3, 2015. Initially, ACE will parallel process air manifest transactions with legacy Air AMS until May 1, 2015. During this period, all air manifest transactions and related response messages will originate from legacy Air AMS and compared in ACE. Any issues that arise in ACE during the dual processing will be immediately corrected.

ACE Air Manifest programming code will be available in the certification environment in early 2015. CBP encourages filers to contact their assigned client representative to begin testing air manifest transactions, well in advance of the May 1, 2015 deadline. Legacy Air AMS code will no longer be available in the certification environment when ACE Air Manifest is deployed on January 3, 2015.

ACE Air Manifest was designed to be compliant with the 2004 Customs Air Manifest Interface Requirement (CAMIR) documentation posted on CBP.gov. System validations built into ACE Air Manifest will now enforce all CAMIR requirements and impact those air carriers who are not yet compliant with the AMS Implementation Guidelines. CBP encourages all air manifest filers to review the published CAMIR documentation to ensure their systems are ready for filing air manifest transactions in ACE.

For additional information on the upcoming changes to air manifest, including the updated header format and the CAMIR documentation, please click on the following hyperlinks:

- *ACE Deployment D: January 2015 Release—Update on Air Manifest Changes Information Notice Article*
- *Customs Automated Manifest Interface Requirements (CAMIR)– Air*
- *Appendix D of the Customs Automated Manifest Interface Requirements (CAMIR) - Air*

ACE eBond Capabilities

In addition, CBP will also deploy new ACE eBond capabilities that will provide Sureties and Surety Agents an electronic mechanism for the transmission of bond transactions into ACE via Electronic Data Interchange (EDI). ACE eBond will streamline the process for filing Continuous bonds, Single Transaction Bonds (STBs), and Bond Riders with the CBP Revenue Division's Bond Team. ACE eBond will provide the following benefits:

- Automates bond processing
- Centralizes all bonds into a single location
- Facilitates visibility of STBs via the ACE Portal
- Reduces paper processing
- Expedites release of cargo
- Increases traceability of bonds for audit purposes
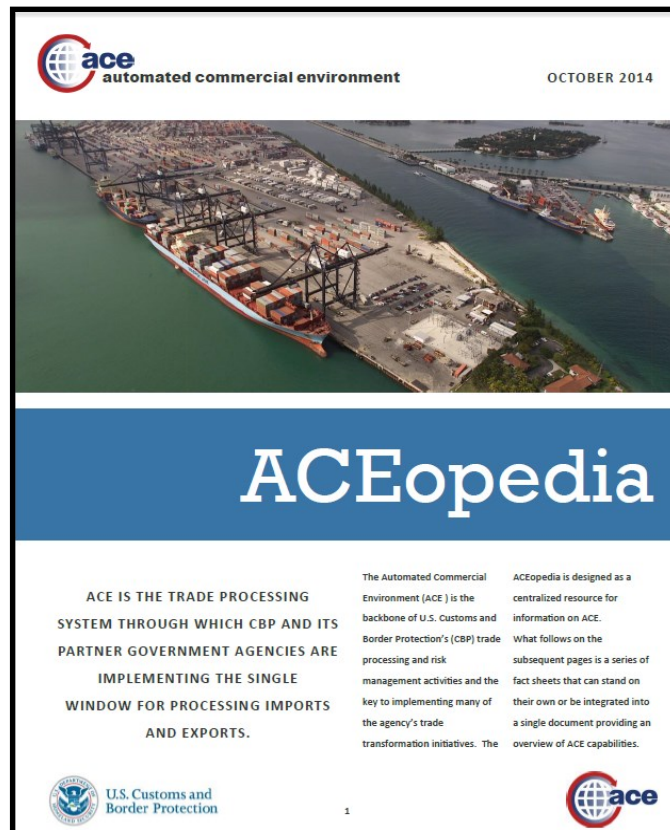- Expands bond issuance beyond regular business hours

Beginning on January 3, 2015, sureties and surety agents may begin to transmit electronic bond transactions through ACE. All active Continuous bonds currently existing in ACS will automatically transition into ACE and will not require refiling. ACE issued STBs will only be required for ACE Cargo Release entries and for the associated ACE Entry Summary transactions. ACS Cargo Release filers may continue to use current bond posting methods until the mandatory use of ACE for all electronic cargo release and entry summary filing transactions goes into effect on November 1, 2015.

The transmission of all eBonds and eBond riders in ACE for purposes of the eBond test must be made by a surety or surety agent pursuant to one of two methods: (1) eBonds and eBond riders may be transmitted in ACE electronically via EDI, and must contain the required data elements set forth in the CATAIR; (2) eBonds and eBond riders may be emailed to CBP at cbp.bondquestions@dhs.gov for manual input into ACE by the Revenue Division. eBonds transmitted via email must be on a CBP Form 301 signed by the principal(s) and surety(ies). Filers interested in transmitting electronic bond transactions directly with CBP via ABI should contact their Surety and ABI Software Provider to get the process started.

For additional information on ACE eBond, please visit the "eBond" page of CBP.gov/ACE. To access ACE eBond message format and technical specification information, please click on the following hyperlink:

- *Customs eBond Create/Update ACE CBP and Trade Automated Interface Requirements (CATAIR) Chapter*

UPDATED ACEOPEDIA AVAILABLE ON CBP.GOV

CBP's ACE Business Office has posted an updated version of the *ACEopedia* to CBP.gov/ACE. The ACEopedia provides the following ACE information:

- Overview and program participation information
- Single Window implementation details
- Benefits by trade business process
- Current functionality and planned future development

To access the updated *ACEopedia,* please visit the "ACE and Automated Systems" page of CBP.gov/ACE and scroll to the bottom of the page. To download the documents directly, please click on the hyperlinks provided.

NEW ACE WEBINAR RECORDING AND PRESENTATION SLIDES AVAILABLE ON CBP.GOV

CBP has posted the ACE eBond Webinar recording and accompanying *webinar presentation slides* to CBP.gov/ACE. The ACE eBond for Trade Webinar was held on November 13, 2014 to provide information about eBond development and deployment in ACE and guidance on the electronic bond processing procedures that will go in effect on January 3, 2015.

To access the recorded webinar or presentation slides, please visit the "ACE Outreach Events for Trade" page of CBP.gov/ACE or you may review the recording and download the presentation slides directly by clicking on the hyperlinks above.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can I use a wildcard with the MID search on the References tab?

You cannot use a wildcard when searching for a Manufacturer ID (MID) on the References tab. Results will only be returned when the full name of the company is entered, assuming the company is on file.